# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# DEFENCE
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5241
ANSWERED ON:27.04.2000
EXPENDITURE BY C.S.D. ON RENOVATION
JAI PRAKASH

**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

(a) the quantum of funds incurred by the Managing Committee of the Army Headquarters C.S.D. Canteen, New Delhi, during the last three years in renovating and constructing the new building (after demolishing the old structure) on the Government land;

(b) the source from where the funds were generated to meet the cost of the above work;

(c) whether the Managing Committee had sought approval for the on-going construction plans and prior permission from authorities concerned for undertaking such construction;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any irregularity in this regard has been noticed; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government on this score?

## Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (f): A statement is annexed.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5241 27.4.2000.

Army HQ Canteen located at `Q` Block, Rajaji Marg, New Delhi has a clientele of about 25000 customersThere was a longstanding demand of the customers to provide equal facilities to all the customers. Keeping in view the persistent demand of the customers, the renovation of the canteen was undertaken whereby `self-help` facility was planned for all. Earlier this facility was available only for officers. This is for the first time that this canteen has been modernised to improve its functioning for customers satisfaction. This work has been appreciated by all the customers. There was no demolition involved in the renovation/modernisation of the canteen.

An amount of Rs. 41.75 lakhs has been expended on the renovations from private funds (non public) and the formal approval of the Governing Body of Army HQ Canteen was taken for expending the money.It is also the policy of the management to invest a part of the profits accruing to the canteen to improve the facilities provided to the customers.

The modification/renovation has been carried out under Rule 6.4.1 of Delhi building Bye-Laws wherein no permission is required for the type of work undertaken. However, NDMC was apprised of the renovation and their representative visited the canteen premises to ascertain the same.

No irregularities in this regard has been noticed.